THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) In accordance with the announcement made in January 1990 that Phase I of Sambalpur Division will be completed within 3 months, the new Division (Phase I) has started functioning with effect from 31-3-1990.

New Vocational Skills in the ITIs etc.

*157. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new vocational skills which are proposed to be given priority in the Industrial Training Institutes and the Apprenticeship Schemes during VIII Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what is the existing allocation of seats in different skills, State-wise and what changes are being planned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) There are 65 trades under the Craftsmen Training Scheme in which training is imparted in the ITIs. The ITIs are functioning under the direct administrative control of the State Governments/ U.T. Administrations. Priority for introducing a particular trade is decided on the basis of local needs of a particular area by the respective State Government. New trades are identified and designated in consultation with the industry for updating and upgrading Vocational Training Programme.

Similarly under the Apprenticeship Scheme, there are 129 designated trades each covering a variety of vocational skills. Seats are located on the basis of training facilities available in the industrial enterprises. However, new trades are designated from time to time as per the needs of the Industry.

(b) Based on the information made available by various State Governments/ U.T. Administrations, consolidated statements indicating State-wise sanctioned seats in different trades under the Craftsmen Training Scheme and located seats under the Apprenticeship Training Scheme are placed at Annexure—I and II respectively. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 31].

As already indicated above, the day-to-day administration of ITIs is the responsibility of the respective State Governments, and the introduction of seats in the ITIs fall under their purview. However, under the Apprenticeship Training Scheme, the quota of apprentices is fixed by the respective Apprenticeship Advisors on the basis of survey of industrial establishments. Changes as and when required are planned and effected by the respective authorities.

New Trains for Andhra Pradesh

*158. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has been ignored in regard to the commencement of new trains for the year 1990-91;

(b) whether Government are aware of the rush in the trains between the coastal towns of Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for the creation of additional capacities in the trains in Andhra Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The present volume of passengers traffic between the coastal towns of Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad is, by and large, being catered satisfactorily by existing train services.

(c) No, Sir, not at present.